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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer and A

RE:

Site Inspection, Georgia Pacific Mining Company, Eagle Canyon Mine, M/015/050,

Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

February 24, 1997

Time of Inspection:

1650 - 1720

Conditions:

Partly cloudy, cold,

Participants:

Stan, Terry, Georgia Pacific; Tony Gallegos, Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the area recently released and the areas currently being mined

Stan and Terry met us at the mine site. They are two of the principal equipment operators doing the mining at the site. They explained Georgia Pacific's general mining plan for this area. Georgia Pacific wants to continue to use the current staging area for staging and equipment, although they could mine the gypsum seam beneath this area. Georgia Pacific would like to have the reclaimed areas released as soon as possible so they can apply the reclamation bond to new areas of mining. Stan estimated that the recently fractured gypsum area located southwest of the staging area, would supply their gypsum needs for two months. Following that, he expects the small area covered by salvaged topsoil to be the next area of mining after they have moved the topsoil onto the mined out area. The next area to be mined would preferably be located southeast of the staging area. Haul trucks were being loaded with gypsum during this inspection.

In conclusion, the Division will need to schedule an inspection during this coming spring 1997, to evaluate the revegetation success on the reclaimed area.

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cc:

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